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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: SEABOARD FREQUENCIES

REF: STATE 94851

1. EMBOFF CALLED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY TO RECEIVE COPY OF TELEGRAM DATED MAY 18 FROM CIVILAVIA TO SEABOARD/ MILAN REFUSING APPROVAN EGHTH WEEKLY ALL- CARGO FREQUENCY. AS ANTICIPATED ROME 3848, REASONS GIVEN ARE FOLLOWING: A) FAILURE US NOTIFY ITALY THAT 17 WEEKLY ALL- CARGO FREQUENCIES HAD BEEN REALLOCATED (STATE 55444); B) SUMMER 1973 SEABOARD SCHEDULE PRESENTED BY COMPANY TO CIVILAVIA REFERRED ONLY TO SEVEN WEEKLY FLIGHTS WHILE INTENTION TO OPERATE EIGHTH FREQUENCY COMMUNICATED TO CIVILAVIA ONLY ON APRIL 3; C) ABUNDANT CARGO CAPACITY AVAILABLE ON MIXED PASSENGER/ CARGO FLIGHTS OF TWA AND PAN AMERICAN; AND D) CIVILAVIA HAS GENERALLY BEEN GAVORABLE TOWARD SEABOARD REQUESTS FOR CHARTER APPROVALS.

2. EMBOFF REITERATED IN STRONG TERMS OF MFA OFFICIAL THAT USG CLEARLY HAS RIGHT UNDER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO APPORTION 17 FREQUENCIES AND THAT THIS ACTION WILL NOT BE UNDERSTOOD IN WASHINGTON. WE URGED THAT MFA SEEK CIVILAVIA RECONSIDERATION.

3. O CORRECT INFO GIVEN IN APRIL 26, 1972 LETTER RE ALLOCATION 17 FREQUEICIES, EMBASSY HAS BY LETTER DATED MAY 18 PROVIDED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REALLOCATION FOR REMAINING PERIOD THROUGH JUNE 22.

4. EMBASSY WILL TAKE MATTER UP AT HIGHER LEVEL AT MFA BUT DOUBTS THAT ANY ACTION POSSIBLE BEFORE BEGINNING OF NEXT WEEK. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT RAISE MATTER ALSO WITH ITALIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON.

5. EMBASSY IS IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH SEABOARD/ MILAN REP SCAGLIOLA WHO ALSO UNDERSTANDS THAT NOACTION LIKELY UNTIL EARLY NEXT WEEK.

6. COMMENT: EMBASSY TENDS TO THINK ALITALIA BEHIND THIS ACTION AND THAT CONCERN RE JUMBO CARGO CAPACITY IS PROBABLY MAIN REASON FOR ATTEMPTING REJECTION OF SEABOARD EIGHTH FREQUENCY. SCAGLIOLA, HOWEVER, SUSPECTS THAT CIVILAVIA BUREAUCRATS HAVE TAKEN THIS CHANCE TO EXERCISE THEIR AUTHORITY NOTING THAT TWO SENIOR AND EXPERIENCED CIVILAVIA OFFICIALS (CARUSO AND FIORENTINO) HAVE RECENTLY RETIRED. VOLPE

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